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Departure of Jet Flying School

1. The personnel and equipment of the jet flying school left Welzow airfield between 15 and 17 July 1954. A total of six rail transports were used for the move. The first train arrived empty on 15 July at about 0800 hours, and left the same night with its complement. The make-up of each train was roughly the same, namely 12-14 passenger cars, and sufficient flat cars for 10-14 tank trucks and an unspecified number of trucks. A total of 32 tank trucks and eight trailers were actually observed to leave, but this is not thought to be the full total. It was particularly noted that all equipment, including ambulances, was moved. In addition, there were cars for benches and household goods such as curtains.

2. An average of 400 personnel were estimated to be aboard each transport, making a total of approximately 2,400. This figure does not include families.

3. One of the transports went to Jüterbog, one to Brandis near Leipzig, and one somewhere in the neighborhood of Rostock. The destinations of the other rail transports are not known. None returned to the USSR.

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Arrival of IL 28's

4. The first arrivals were not observed, but the last arrivals were on 22 July 1954. Other members of the new unit came by rail and by air in the IL-28's and LI-2's.

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Aircraft

5. 32 IL-28's were seen to land at 10-minute intervals. Six LI-2's also landed. Only two of the LI-2's were visible on 4 August. There were no U-IL 28's amongst the aircraft. All the aircraft had auxiliary tanks. No possible changes in appearance could be observed. It was specifically noticed that the aerials were exactly the same as those of the IL-28's at this airfield till July 1953.

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7. Flying Activity

The first flying activity took place on 3 August, when IL-28's carried out local flying from 0845 to 1800 hours.

8. Previous

Air crews later seen at the railway station looked at the station clock and after commenting on the time difference to each other, advanced their watches by some two hours.

9. Personnel

About 14 of the 32 crews appeared to be more experienced having at least 2 rows of decorations and an average-age appearance of over 30. In at least one instance, a senior lieutenant of one of these crews checked bad public behavior of two junior officers from other crews who accepted the rebuff meekly and with deference. The general standard of turn-out, however, was very poor, with clothing very ragged, with canvas footwear and generally dirtier appearance than is customary amongst those stationed in East Germany for any length of time.

10. Radio/Radar

No radar has been observed. There is a radio van with an "X"-shaped aerial dug in, and the usual beacons. During flying on 3 August 1954 HL (Dot Dot Dot Dot ! Dot Dash Dot Dot) were heard on the medium frequencies of ordinary radios.

11. Bomb Dump

There is a bomb depot at the northern corner of the airfield inside the angle formed by the railway lines Senftenberg to Neu Petershain and Welzow to Neu Petershain. There are earth-covered mounds inside this compound which are approximately 8 m. in height, 15 m. in length by 15 m. in width. The dump is surrounded by six circular barbed-wire fences guarded by sentries and are illuminated at night.

Bearing and Morale

12. Although discipline is efficiently enforced by some of the more experienced officers, others of the officers and airmen run very wild. A drunken senior lieutenant at a dance removed his jacket, containing personal documents, and was later unable to find it. All ranks are now forbidden to leave the airfield at night.

13. Small groups of the newly arrived families go from shop to shop buying up everything they can see. Shoes with high heels are the best sellers.

14. Theft is rife. One unfortunate housewife, returning from a shopping expedition after the arrival of the new unit, found that every movable object had been removed from her house. Police were able to trace a trail of minor objects of clothing right up to the barbed wire of the airfield.

15. Schooling

Children of the Soviet forces in Welzow receive their schooling there until the age of ten. They then go to school in Cottbus.

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16. Security

Security checks include small patrols in civilian clothes.

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